
**Northhill C of E V.A. Lower School
Newsletter**

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Dear Parents and Children

In your child's bookbag you should find our OFSTED report. We, as a team, are particularly pleased with the comments about our work and the children's attitude to their learning. We were however concerned about the amount of parents that felt uninformed about their child's progress, especially as we had just had parent/pupil consultation. Please could we remind parents that they may make an appointment throughout the school year to discuss their child's progress. Thank you for completing the OFSTED questionnaire. We would also like to thank you for your support as it is a strength of the school and it enables our children to achieve as they do.

The children are enjoying their preparations for May Day dancing. If your child is dancing at Ickwell on Monday 3rd May, please remember to complete and return your slips to school no later than Monday 15th March, as the children will shortly be allocated a dancing partner.

On Friday 19th March we invite the children to wear odd socks and complete a 20 minute sponsored walk around the playing field, in aid of Sports Relief. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, tracksuit and trainers in school on Friday in order to complete the challenge! A sponsor sheet should have arrived home safely with this newsletter. The sponsor form and money raised should be returned to school no later than Wednesday 31st March.

Our end of term Church Service at St Mary Virgin, Northill will be held on **Friday 26th March** at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please note that the last day of this term is Thursday 1st April 2010.

On Tuesday 30th March at 3.15pm we have a sharing afternoon, to which you are all invited. This is an opportunity to look at and discuss your child's work with them. The afternoon is not operated on an appointments system, it is for you and your child(ren) only.

Willington Tots Toddler Group would welcome donations of good quality toys suitable for children over the age of 3. Please contact Karen Clark on 07734816408 if you have anything which you feel may be suitable.

The Friends of St Marys are holding a Family Spring quiz, on Saturday 27th March at the Church Hall, Sand Lane, Northill. Starting at 7.30pm there will be questions to hopefully tax and amuse all ages from teens upwards. Teams of 6 – 8 are welcome and as always, a fish/chicken and chip supper will be provided along with the brainstrain for only £7.50 each adult and £5 for under 15s. Contact quizmistress Philippa on 01767 627746 to book your team's place quickly as space is limited.

This year's Pancake Race raised £532.92 for local causes, namely Northill Mother and Toddler Group, Ickwell Pre-School and the Friends of St Marys. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event. There is a wonderful selection of photographs along with a short video of the Pancake Race at www.northill-parish.info.

Yours faithfully

The Headteacher and Staff
Northill Lower School